

I am opposed to this petition to eliminate the 80, 40 and 15-meter Novice/Technician Plus CW subbands and reuse those frequencies to expand the 80 and 40 meter phone allocations. The small portion of spectrum which would be allocated to the phone subband will not alleviate the problem of crowding which exists on the present phone frequencies. As the demand for spectrum increases, amateur radio operators should be encouraged to use modes with more narrow bandwidth but this petition encourages otherwise. Furthermore, in my opinion, the ARRL has not adequately considered the effect of these proposed changes on international frequency use. Cuba, if I understand correctly, uses the same 40 meter frequencies for emergency CW communication. Imagine the impossibility of Cuban emergency efforts in the presence of crowded, high-powered phone conversations on the same frequency! I encourage the FCC to reallocate the present Novice/Technician Plus subbands into expanded Extra Class CW allocations along with an expanded digital allocation.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion.